

**York University - Faculty of Health
PSYC 3260 Cognition Section N
Mondays 8:30-11:30 AM Winter
Location: CLH C**

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Course prerequisite: PSYC 1010 passed with “C” as a minimum grade.

Textbook: Galotti et al. (2010). Cognitive Psychology: In and out of the laboratory. 1st Canadian edition.

General description: This course gives you an overview of the concepts, processes, and theories in the field of cognitive psychology. Among the topics discussed are perception, attention, memory, decision making, and language.

Tentative schedule

Date	Topic	Chapter	Evaluations
January 5	Introduction	1	
12	Research methodology	1,2	Questionnaire (5%)
19	Perception	3,8	
26	Attention	4	
February 2	Memory (guest lecture by Dr. John G. Grundy)	5,6	
9	Test #1		Test 1 (35%)
16	READING WEEK – NO CLASS		
23	Concepts and categorization	7	Experiments (10%)
March 2	Problem solving, reasoning, decision making	10,11	
9	Neuro-cognition	2,12	
16	Language	9	
23	Bilingualism		Assignment (15%)
30	Emotion (guest lecture by Monika Janus, MSc.)		
April 6	Review session		
8-24	Test #2 (exam week)		Test 2 (35%)

Evaluation breakdown: Your mark in this course will for 30% be based deliverables: completion of the questionnaire (5%), experiments (10%) and the reporting assignment (15%). The other 70% will be based on two tests (each 35%).

- **Questionnaire:** Will be completed in class. If you do not complete the questionnaire in class an electronic pdf version will be available on moodle. Once completed, scan and e-mail to your TA at the latest BY JANUARY 13, 11.59PM.
 - No points will be awarded after the due date.

- **Experiments:** Time will be provided during class or in your own time. All experiments must be completed BY FEBRUARY 23, 11:59PM.
 - No points will be awarded after the due date.
- **Assignment:** A two page report about one of the experiments of your choice will be handed in at the latest BY MARCH 23, 11:59PM.
 - Late assignments are penalized by deducting 5% per calendar day. A doctor's note will not suffice, unless illness spans more than 2 weeks, as you have 3 weeks to hand in this assignment.
- **Tests:** The multiple-choice exam will cover both textbook and lecture material. You are responsible for obtaining material. If you miss a lecture ask someone in class to share their lecture notes with you.
 - Students are expected to write the tests on the specified dates. Severe illness or an emergency (e.g., death in the family) with appropriate documentation (e.g., doctors' note) is the only acceptable reason for missing a test. The teacher and TA need to be notified within 24 hours after the test. If you do not feel well at the beginning of the test notify the teacher or TA before the start, as once you have started writing the test you cannot take part in the make-up test. The make-up test will be scheduled a week after the test and will be your only opportunity to retake the missed test.

Academic honesty: Do your own work (e.g., assignments) and do not pass someone else's work as your own. Reference all your sources. During the two tests in this course there is a zero tolerance for cheating. Do not copy from your neighbour, nor let them copy from you. Plagiarism and cheating are serious academic offenses with a penalty in accordance with the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty (see <http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm>).

Student feedback: I welcome constructive feedback on the course (e.g., course material, lectures, and student evaluation).